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In paragraph 1 of the Office action, the Examiner identifies the groups listed below and requires that applicant elect one of the groups to be examined in the present application.

Group I:

Claims 1-29 and 34

Group II:

Claims 30-33

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-29 and 34), without traverse.

In paragraphs 5-6 of the Office action, the Examiner identifies the species listed below and requires applicant to elect one of the species for prosecution.

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> Species I: Figs. 1-16, 21 and 22

Species II: Figs. 17-20

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species I (Figs. 1-16, 21 and 22). All of the claims in Group I (i.e., claims 1-29 and 34) read on this species.

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